GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3239
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2017
Theft of Foodgrains from Goods Trains
Bohara Shri Ramcharan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of theft of foodgrains from the goods trains stationed at railway yards being reported have increased during the last three years;
(b) if so, the zone-wise details of the thefts reported during the said period;
(c) whether the Government has taken effective measures to check such incidents; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3239 BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2017 REGARDING THEFT OF FOODGRAINS FROM GOODS TRAINS

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The number of incidents of theft of foodgrains from the goods trains stationed at railway yards has remained more or less static during the last three years.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The following steps are taken to prevent incidents of theft/pilferage of food grains from trains stabled in yards:-

1. Railway Protection Force personnel are deployed round the clock to prevent theft of goods and railway property at vulnerable railway yards.
2. Constant surveillance is kept in the railway yards and adjacent local areas on the movement of anti social elements.
3. Based on crime intelligence, raids are conducted on the receivers of stolen railway property in co-ordination with local police and the criminals/receivers arrested are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966.
4. Close coordination is being maintained with Local Police and Government Railway Police to prevent /detect the cases of theft/ pilferage of railway property including food grains from goods trains.

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